



LAFD Incident Update

Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICT	INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT TIME	FIRST IN COMPANY	INCIDENT NUMBER
2	07/12/08	3:31 PM	RESCUE 88	0789
ADDRESS		INCIDENT TYPE	F.S. DISTRICT	INCIDENT COMMANDER
13900 W. CHANDLER BL. SOUTH VAN NUYS		PHYSICAL RESCUE	102	BATTALION CHIEF RICHARD E. MARKOTA
DOLLAR LOSS	LOCAL BATTALION	OCCUPANCY TYPE		NUMBER OF UNITS/APTS.
Still Being Tabulated	BATTALION: 14	STREET/ROADWAY		N/A
DISPLACED OCCUPANTS	BC PHONE NUMBER	ADULTS INJURED	MINORS INJURED	CIVILIAN FATALITIES
N/A	818-756-8614	0	0	1
CIVILIANS RESCUED/ SAVED	FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES		TOTAL FIRE COMPANIES
0	0	0		5
TOTAL RESCUE AMBULANCES	TIME TO CONTROL INCIDENT	INCIDENT DURATION		TOTAL FIREFIGHTERS
2	1 hour, 2 min.	1 hour, 2 min.		38

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

SOLO VEHICLE TRAFFIC ENDS WITH FATALITY

On Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 3:31 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, Street Lighting, DOT, DWP and LAPD, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Richard E. Markota, responded to a Physical Rescue Incident at 13900 W. Chandler Bl. in the South Van Nuys area.

Firefighters and Rescue Ambulance personnel responded to a reported traffic accident with entrapment. Upon arrival, Firefighter-Paramedics found a mid sized, 4-door sedan, with the driver trapped inside the vehicle and requested a physical rescue assignment. Firefighters arrived on scene quickly and assisted in extricating the unresponsive male occupant, 33, from the vehicle. CPR was initiated but the male was pronounced at the scene (per Ref. 814 criteria), succumbing to his extensive injuries which were evident from the significant passenger space intrusion located on the driver side of the vehicle. It was reported that the driver lost control of the vehicle, striking the center median, a street light and finally coming to rest against a large tree.

Firefighters remained on scene assisting LAPD with the traffic investigation and the Coroner's office with the removal of the body.

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